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SUNDRY CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL.

FEBRUARY 3, 1894.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAYERS, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5575.]

In presenting to the House the bill making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year 1895, the Committee on Appropriations submit the following in explanation thereof:

The regular estimates upon which bill is based will be found on pages 161-175, 182-184, 190, 191, and 205-242, aggregating \$34,966,002.81, together with the further sum of \$3,415,000 submitted in House Ex. Doc. No. 20, to meet authorized contracts for improving the Mississippi and Missouri rivers under the river commissions, making in all \$38,381,002.81, of estimates considered by the committee as a basis for preparing the bill, of which sum there is recommended \$32,306,382.80, being \$6,074,620.01 less than the estimates.

The sundry civil act for the current fiscal year 1894 appropriated \$41,716,311.15, being \$9,409,928.35 more than is recommended in the accompanying bill.

The following limitations touching certain branches of the public service for which appropriations are made, and not heretofore imposed, are recommended in the bill, namely:

On page 2, in connection with the appropriations for constructing public buildings:

That the Secretary of the Treasury may authorize a contract or contracts to be entered into for the construction of any portion or the whole of the post-office and court-house at Kansas City, Missouri; the court-house, custom-house, and post-office at Omaha, Nebraska; the post-office, court-house, and custom-house at Saint Paul, Minnesota, and the court-house, post-office, and custom-house at Sioux City, Iowa, within the respective limits of cost prescribed by law for said buildings and subject to appropriations to be made therefor by Congress.

On page 11, in connection with the appropriation for the Revenue-Cutter Service:

That on and after the passage of this act the pay of cadets in the Revenue-Cutter Service shall be five hundred dollars per annum and one ration per day, in lieu of the rates at present authorized by law, chapter two hundred and forty-six, paragraph four, act July thirty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

On page 22, in connection with the provision for the office force of the Coast and Geodetic Survey now provided for at an aggregate annual cost of \$143,130:

And the Secretary of the Treasury shall reorganize the said office force

by the reduction of their number or compensation, or both, so as to bring the whole of said compensation within the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and he shall submit estimates in detail for the said office force, as reorganized hereunder, in his annual estimates to Congress for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

On page 61, in connection with the appropriation for the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park:

And the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to employ, at such compensation as he shall deem reasonable, from among those veterans who served in the battle of Chattanooga, a person who is recognized as well informed in its history, as a representative of the Army of the Tennessee, to assist, in such way as the Secretary of War may direct, in preparing the historical tablets of that army for the National Military Park.

On pages 82-85, in connection with the appropriations for the Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers:

That all amounts disbursed from the appropriations for a Branch Home shall be disbursed and accounted for by the treasurer of that Branch, and in conformity with secs. 3678 and 3679, Revised Statutes: Provided further, That the balance of the posthumous fund, including the amount invested in bonds pertaining to that fund, that may be in the hands of the treasurer of any Branch of the Home on July 1, 1894, shall be transferred to the appropriation for "current expenses, 1895," of that Branch Home, and thereafter all receipts on account of the effects of deceased members shall be credited to the appropriation for "current expenses" of the fiscal year during which such amounts were received, and all repayments of such amounts shall be charged to the like appropriation for the fiscal year in which such repayments were made.

That the provisions of the fifth and sixth sections of the act entitled "An act establishing post-routes, and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1877," for the transmission of official mail matter, be, and they are hereby, extended and made applicable to all official mail matter of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

That all sums received from sales of subsistence stores or other property of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers shall be taken up by the disbursing officer under the proper current appropriation and be available for disbursement on account of that appropriation.

That all disbursing officers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers shall, before entering upon their duties, give good and sufficient bonds to the United States, in such sums as the Secretary of War may direct, faithfully to account for all public moneys and property which they may receive. They shall render their accounts monthly, direct to such bureau of the War Department as the Secretary of War may designate, and, after examination there, the fiscal accounts shall be passed to the proper accounting officer of the Treasury for settlement.

That the Board of Managers shall classify all the officers and employes of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and establish a rate of pay for each class, and the rate so established shall not be increased by fees, perquisites, allowances, or advantages under any pretense whatever; and no employe shall be borne on more than one pay roll or voucher.

That when an officer of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, not a member of the Board of Managers thereof, travels under orders on business for the Home he shall be allowed 7 cents in lieu of all other expenses for each mile actually traveled, distance to be computed by the most direct through route.

That section 4834 of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4834. The Board of Managers shall make an annual report of the condition of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to the Secretary of War, to be submitted by him with his annual report to Congress at the commencement of each regular session thereof, and all laws or parts of laws that require the board to audit and examine or authenticate the accounts of the treasurer, and visit the Home quarterly, are hereby repealed."

That hereafter no member of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers shall receive any compensation or pay for any services or duties connected with the Home. But the traveling and other actual expenses of a member, incurred while upon the business of the Home, may be reimbursable to such member: Provided, That the president and secretary of the Board of Managers may receive a reasonable compensation for their services as such officers, not exceeding \$2,500 and \$2,000, respectively, per annum.

That hereafter, once in each fiscal year, the Secretary of War shall cause a thorough inspection to be made of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, its records, disbursements, management, discipline, and condition, such inspection to be made by an officer of the Inspector-General's Department, who shall report thereon in writing, and said report shall be transmitted to Congress at the first session thereafter.

On page 89, in connection with the appropriation for defense in Indian depredation claims:

And in expending said sum the Attorney-General may direct such action as will accomplish the disposition of those cases which were given priority of consideration by the act of March 3, 1891, and the preparation of the defenses for the Government in other cases in which the claimants have closed their proof.

On page 93, in connection with the appropriation for support of United States prisoners:

That hereafter one-half of all expenses incurred for maintenance of the jail of the District of Columbia and for support of prisoners therein shall be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, and estimates for such expenses shall each year hereafter be submitted in the annual estimates for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia.

On page 95, in connection with the appropriation for the building for the Library of Congress:

That contracts may be entered into for any work or materials required for the construction of said building, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law.

On page 99:

SEC. 2. That all sums appropriated by this act for salaries of officers and employees of the Government shall be in full for such salaries for the fiscal year 1895, and all laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

The accompanying comparative statement exhibits in detail the appropriations made by the sundry civil act for 1894, the amounts estimated for 1895, and the sums recommended in the accompanying bill for 1895.

Recapitulation of sundry civil bill for 1895.

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| Object. | Appropriations for 1894. | Estimates for 1895. | Recommended for 1895. | |
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| | | | Amounts. | Page of bill. |
| Alaska, education in | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | \$30,000.00 | 53 |
| Alaska, reindeer in | 6,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 7,500.00 | 53 |
| Alaska, seal fisheries | 12,950.00 | 12,950.00 | 12,950.00 | 42 |
| Alaska, rent and traveling expenses | 1,000.00 | 2,200.00 | 1,500.00 | 89 |
| Alaska, protecting salmon fisheries in | 4,500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 42 |
| Alaska, relief of native inhabitants of | 19,500.00 | 19,500.00 | 19,500.00 | 42 |
| Appraisers, local, expenses meetings of | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 800.00 | 41 |
| Alien contract-labor laws, enforcement of | 75,000.00 | 100,000.00 | 90,000.00 | 41 |
| Armories and arsenals | 119,250.00 | 376,666.55 | 187,508.80 | 53-55 |
| Army medical school | | 3,000.00 | | |
| Artificial limbs and appliances for soldiers | 647,000.00 | 196,000.00 | 196,000.00 | 66 |
| Artillery school, Fort Monroe | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 68 |
| Appropriations, preparation statement of | 1,200.00 | | 1,200.00 | 94 |
| Assistant custodians and janitors, public buildings | 580,000.00 | 834,066.00 | 725,000.00 | 38 |
| Botanic Garden | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 95 |
| Boundary between United States and Canada | 5,000.00 | | | |
| Boundary between United States and Mexico | 25,000.00 | | | |
| Buildings and grounds in Washington | 44,200.00 | 67,000.00 | 48,200.00 | 56-58 |
| Canceled United States securities | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 37 |
| Capitol building and grounds | 32,000.00 | 45,000.00 | 37,000.00 | 44 |
| Capitol, building elevators in House wing | | | 5,100.00 | 44 |
| Capitol building and grounds, lighting | 24,000.00 | 26,000.00 | 24,000.00 | 44 |
| Capitol, electric light plant for Senate | | 10,000.00 | | |
| Chickamauga and Chattanooga Park | 100,000.00 | 151,000.00 | 75,000.00 | 61 |
| Chinese exclusion act, enforcement of | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 | 50,000.00 | 41 |

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| Confederate Records, index | 14,600.00 | | | |
| Coast and Geodetic Survey | 475,430.00 | 439,630.00 | 386,100.00 | 14-24 |
| Cherokee Indians, eastern band | | 5,000.00 | | |
| Customs, tariffs, international bureau of | 1,318.76 | | | |
| Congressional Library building | 950,000.00 | 900,000.00 | 700,000.00 | 94 |
| Custody of dies, rolls, and plates | 6,800.00 | 6,800.00 | 6,800.00 | 37 |
| Claims, back pay, and bounty to soldiers | 750,000.00 | 515,000.00 | 440,000.00 | 86 |
| Court-house, District of Columbia, repairs | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 87 |
| Defending suits in claims | 25,000.00 | 30,000.00 | 25,000.00 | 87 |
| Deaf and Dumb Institution | 53,500.00 | 53,500.00 | 53,500.00 | 52 |
| Defense in Indian depredation claims | 22,500.00 | 35,000.00 | 22,500.00 | 89 |
| Destitute patients (Providence Hospital) | 19,000.00 | 19,000.00 | 19,000.00 | 67 |
| Distinctive paper for United States securities | 50,000.00 | 72,070.08 | 60,000.00 | 36 |
| Engraving and printing | 1,053,000.00 | 1,111,400.00 | 1,028,000.00 | 13 |
| Ethnology, North American | 40,000.00 | 40,000.00 | 40,000.00 | 26 |
| Executive Mansion, expenses of | 27,000.00 | 44,000.00 | 38,000.00 | 58 |
| Executive Mansion and grounds, lighting | 15,022.00 | 28,321.40 | 14,766.50 | 58 |
| Fish Commission | 319,070.00 | 333,610.00 | 327,630.00 | 26-34 |
| Fuel, lights, and water, public buildings | 800,000.00 | 850,000.00 | 850,000.00 | 39 |
| Fish ways at Great Falls | | 7,890.00 | | |
| Furniture, public buildings | 180,000.00 | 200,000.00 | 180,000.00 | 38 |
| Garfield Hospital, maintenance | 12,500.00 | 25,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 67 |
| Geological Survey | 414,100.00 | 414,100.00 | 414,100.00 | 49-51 |
| Heating apparatus, public buildings | 125,000.00 | 150,000.00 | 125,000.00 | 3 |
| Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers | 2,378,563.89 | 2,530,131.70 | 2,300,875.00 | 71-85 |
| Homes for soldiers in States and Territories, aid to | 575,000.00 | 575,000.00 | 575,000.00 | 85 |
| Heyl's Digest, purchase of | 1,800.00 | | | |
| Hospital for the Insane | 342,286.00 | 306,240.00 | 291,760.00 | 51 |
| Howard University | 28,800.00 | 28,500.00 | 28,500.00 | 52 |
| Inaugural ceremonies, expenses | 4,000.00 | | | |
| Independent Treasury, contingent expenses | 70,000.00 | 125,000.00 | 70,000.00 | 35 |
| Infantry and cavalry school, Fort Leavenworth, Kans | 1,500.00 | 5,000.00 | 1,500.00 | 68 |
| Indexes, private claims and Congressional documents | 11,000.00 | | | |
| Indian Territory, judge of, traveling expenses | | 600.00 | 600.00 | 89 |
| Inspector of furniture, salary and expenses | 4,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 38 |

Recapitulation of sundry civil bill for 1895—Continued.

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| Object. | Appropriations for 1894. | Estimates for 1895. | Recommended for 1895. | |
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| | | | Amounts. | Page of bill. |
| Interior Department and Pension building..... | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | 44 |
| International exchanges, Smithsonian Institution..... | 14,500.00 | 14,500.00 | 17,000.00 | 26 |
| Interstate Commerce Commission..... | 225,000.00 | 225,000.00 | 225,000.00 | 34 |
| Lands and other property of the United States..... | | 500.00 | 500.00 | 40 |
| Life-Saving Service..... | 1,370,747.50 | 1,370,747.50 | 1,371,147.50 | 9-11 |
| Light-houses, beacons, and fog signals..... | 389,500.00 | 793,800.00 | 286,600.00 | 4-6 |
| Light-House Establishment..... | 2,558,500.00 | 2,558,500.00 | 2,548,500.00 | 6-9 |
| Maps for use of War Department..... | | 10,000.00 | | |
| Military posts, enlargement of..... | 350,000.00 | 704,000.00 | 200,000.00 | 61 |
| Military convicts, expenses of..... | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 | 67 |
| Military prison, Fort Leavenworth, Kans..... | 76,240.00 | 84,919.00 | 75,320.00 | 69-71 |
| Mission Indians, counsel..... | | 1,000.00 | | |
| Moieties, compensation in lieu of..... | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 41 |
| National cemeteries, headstones, etc..... | 246,380.00 | 237,130.00 | 257,880.00 | 64-66 |
| National currency, expenses of..... | 9,300.00 | 14,616.75 | | |
| National Museum..... | 154,000.00 | 154,000.00 | 170,500.00 | 24 |
| New York Harbor, preventing deposits in..... | 31,000.00 | 40,000.00 | 31,000.00 | 68 |
| New York court-house and post-office, electric plant..... | | 60,000.00 | | |
| Omaha, military storehouse at..... | 30,000.00 | | | |
| Paper and stamps, internal revenue..... | 60,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 35 |
| Plans for public buildings..... | 2,500.00 | 4,000.00 | 2,500.00 | 3 |
| Pan-American Medical Congress..... | 15,000.00 | | | |
| Prosecution and collection of claims..... | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 | 88 |
| Prosecution of crimes..... | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 87 |
| Public buildings, construction of..... | 1,077,500.00 | 1,455,135.00 | 647,000.00 | 1-3 |

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| Prevention of epidemics..... | 900,000.00 | | | 43 |
| Public lands, collecting revenue from sales of..... | 732,000.00 | 911,500.00 | 802,000.00 | 45 |
| Public lands, surveying..... | 233,000.00 | 455,800.00 | 200,000.00 | 46-49 |
| Public printing and binding..... | 2,497,000.00 | 3,205,618.83 | 2,497,000.00 | 95-98 |
| Punishing violations of intercourse acts..... | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 87 |
| Punishment for violations of internal-revenue laws..... | 25,000.00 | 75,000.00 | 50,000.00 | 35 |
| Quarantine service..... | 50,000.00 | 100,000.00 | 75,000.00 | 43 |
| Quarantine station in Chesapeake Bay..... | 7,000.00 | | | |
| Recoinage of gold service..... | 20,000.00 | | | |
| Recoinage of silver coins..... | 150,000.00 | | | |
| Recoinage of minor coins..... | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 500.00 | 36 |
| Records of the rebellion, publication of..... | 175,000.00 | 175,000.00 | 145,000.00 | 67 |
| Repair of water pipes..... | 2,500.00 | 5,000.00 | 2,500.00 | 59 |
| Revised Statutes, Supplement..... | | 2,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 41 |
| Revenue-Cutter Service, expenses of..... | 925,000.00 | 925,000.00 | 925,000.00 | 11 |
| Revenue-Cutter Service, new vessels (special estimates, \$150,000)..... | | | 150,000.00 | 12 |
| Refuge station, Point Barrow..... | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 12 |
| River and harbor work authorized by law (including \$3,415,000 submitted by note in Estimates for 1895 and in H. Ex. Doc. No. 20)..... | 14,166,153.00 | 8,300,000.00 | 8,300,000.00 | 62-64 |
| Sealing and separating United States securities..... | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 37 |
| Senators, payment to widows of deceased..... | 10,000.00 | | | |
| Smithsonian Institution, astrophysical observatory..... | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 25 |
| Special witness, destruction of United States securities..... | 1,565.00 | 1,565.00 | 1,565.00 | 37 |
| Survey of northern and northwestern lakes..... | 27,000.00 | 53,000.00 | 27,000.00 | 66 |
| Surveys and reconnaissances, military..... | | 15,000.00 | | |
| Supreme Court Reports..... | 760.00 | 760.00 | 760.00 | 51 |
| Suppressing counterfeiting and other crimes..... | 60,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 39 |
| Telegraph line to connect Capitol and Departments..... | 1,250.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,250.00 | 60 |
| Transportation of reports and maps to foreign countries..... | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 66 |
| Transportation of silver coin..... | 40,000.00 | 60,000.00 | 40,000.00 | 35 |
| U. S. courts, expenses of..... | 3,345,000.00 | 5,143,425.00 | 3,345,000.00 | 89-94 |
| U. S. jails, repairs..... | | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | 89 |
| Utah Industrial Home..... | | 4,000.00 | | |
| Utah Territorial courts, expenses of..... | 35,000.00 | 70,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 88 |
| Vaults, safes, and locks, public buildings..... | 40,000.00 | 50,000.00 | 40,000.00 | 3 |

Recapitulation of sundry civil bill for 1895—Continued.

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SUNDRY CIVIL APPROPRIATION BILL.

| Object. | Appropriations for 1894. | Estimates for 1895. | Recommended for 1895. | |
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| | | | Amounts. | Page of bill. |
| Washington Monument | \$11, 520. 00 | \$13, 310. 00 | \$12, 170. 00 | 60 |
| World's Columbian Exposition | 933, 005. 00 | | | |
| Yellowstone Park | 30, 000. 00 | 30, 000. 00 | 30, 000. 00 | 61 |
| Zoological Park | 50, 000. 00 | 50, 000. 00 | 50, 000. 00 | 25 |
| Total | 41, 716, 311. 15 | 38, 381, 002. 81 | 32, 306, 382. 80 | ----- |